

Animal Care 101 (8th Grade)

K & 1st Grade Nature Play the Zoo Way

CAMP DESCRIPTION

In this special week of camp, students entering 8th grade will interact directly with Denver Zoo's animal care staff. Our team of Animal Ambassador zookeepers will teach campers the ins and outs of how they care for and train (small) animals. Campers will discover how keepers set goals for their animals, and how to create fun enrichment that helps our animals show off their impressive, natural behaviors. If your soon-to-be 8th-grader is hoping to work at a zoo some day, this camp will demonstrate what it's all about!



WEEK OVERVIEW

Daily Schedule Subject to Change. *Animal Ambassador subject to change based on animal needs*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Question of the Day	How do animals' basic needs affect how zookeepers care for them?	How does animal training help keepers take better care of their animals?	How do keepers work with other zoo departments to care for zoo animals?	How can enrichment elicit natural behavioral responses in zoo animals?	Why are zoo animals' individual stories important both for taking care of them, and for connecting audiences to them?
Zoo Keeper Mentoring	Monitoring, recording, and keeping animals healthy!	Positive reinforcement!	Cross-department communication- Veterinary Science, Education, and Nutrition	Enrichment	Individualization and Empathy
Activities & Explorations	Toyota Elephant Passage	Predator Ridge and Sea Lions	Pachyderm Building and Outdoor Bird Exhibits, or camper choice	Primate Panorama and Emerald Forest	Tropical Discovery

REMINDERS

- Camp runs in rain or shine. Make sure your camper is dressed for the weather.
- Campers are required to bring:
 - Backpack
 - Sack lunch + 2 snacks
 - Water bottle
- Drop-off and Pick-up occurs at the Special Programs Entrance (Gate 1), according to their designated time window. You will need to bring an ID **every day** for pick-up.
 - Drop-off: **8:45-9:00 AM**
 - Pick-up: **3:45-4:00 PM**